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The Valley of Vision. A book of religious and moral tales. By Henry van Dyke. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50.



WILLIAM DRAPER LEWIS. Author of a new life of Roosevelt.

Rumania's Ideals

Leonard A. Magnus, LL. B., gives a comprehensive view of a subject about which most Americans (most other nations also, for the matter of that) are densely ignorant, in "Rumania's Cause and Ideals." Rumania's hesitancy in entering the war made a very bad impression on many of the Allied peoples, but that there were many reasons behind the apparently obvious one of bawler is made plain by Mr. Magnus. Settled by Roman legionaries, speaking a Romance tongue, an island of Latin culture and civilization surrounded by a sea of Slavdom, Rumania had definite tendencies toward sympathy with the great Latin nations, France and Italy, belligerent against Hun kultur. These were finally realized by entry into the war on the side of the Entente. Mr. Magnus gives a concise survey of the historic background of Rumania, analyzes its national and international problems and explains its cause and its ideals for the future in an understandable way.

RUMANIA'S CAUSE AND IDEALS. By Leonard A. Magnus. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. \$1.50.

Lively Memoirs

"Further Indiscretions" continues the wide ranging and widely interesting revelations of a woman of "No Importance" in "Memories, Discreet and Indiscreet." Whatever the rating the anonymous writer gives herself in her memoirs, the variety of persons, personalities and personages who people her lively pages indicates that she was important enough to engage the attention of a writer who writes with a light touch, almost conversational in its facility and lack of consciousness, and her gossip is always delicious. In addition, her memoirs give excellent close-up pictures of many prominent, eminent and engaging individuals—and with the warts on. Among the subjects of her later discourses are Queen Victoria, Queen Alexandra, Edward VII, Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop Temple, Lily Langtry, Mr. Balfour, "Lobby," Joe Chamberlain, the Duchess of Cleveland, the Duke of Connaught, the Duke of Hamilton and the former neutrality, known since November 11 as William Hohenzollern.

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THE LIFE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT. By William Draper Lewis. With an introduction by William Taft. Philadelphia: The John W. Winston Company. \$2.25.

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THE FOUNDERS. Portraits of persons from the earliest times to the founding of North America before the year 1701. With notes on the lives of the subjects and comments on the 1917. By Charles Knowles Bolton. Boston: The Boston Athenaeum.

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